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Krista Dunkman (KD): So, I am Krista Dunkman. it is the 25th of October. We are here in the back room of the Archives in Dunbar Library here at Wright State, and I am here interviewing a student. So if you could just say your name, your year here, and your major.

Lauren Lyon (LL): Okay, my name is Lauren Lyon. It's my first year here in the master's program for Public History.

KD: Okay, awesome. Can you just tell me a little bit about what your first day of classes was like here at Wright State?

LL: When I was an undergrad, it was kind of lonely, like I didn't know anyone. Like, I knew people from when I graduated high school. I know a lot of people came from there. So I had some idea of people who would be in my classes, but overall, like walking around campus, was kind of lonely. [laughs]

KD: Yeah. What about your grad school?

LL: It was pretty, pretty *not* like that. More like, I don't know, um, I don't know, I just felt more on top of things. Like, I don't care, I've got everything set, I'm just here to learn now.

KD: And what made you choose Wright State for your grad school?

LL: It's close. It's close by, and I think it's a pretty good school.

KD: Yeah, all right. And what is your favorite thing about Wright State?

LL: I like the relationships you can connect with [tapping fingertips together] staff members and friends and make a big network. [taps face] I feel like I'm getting really red in the face. [laughs]

KD: No, it's totally fine. And, what do you want to do after you graduate?

LL: I want to work in a museum setting or just kind of work in collections. If it turns out to be archives, too, that'd be cool, because I added some experience here with Dawne. That was fun. I enjoyed it.

KD: And what about Wright State do you think will help you achieve that goal?

LL: The program seems pretty solid. I like it a lot so far.

KD: Okay. And, describe your typical day at Wright State.

LL: I come in for it later in the day, like around 4 o'clock, after a day at work, and just [mumbles] and do stuff. [laughs]

KD: Where do you work?

LL: I work at a car dealership.

KD: Ah, okay, which one?

LL: Germain Ford.

KD: Oh, are you a leasing consultant?

LL: No, I just work in the scheduling department.

KD: That's still fun though.

LL: Yeah, living the dream. [laughs]

KD: Okay, and what's your favorite class that you've ever had here?

LL: Ever had? Um... I really liked... It wasn't so much here, as a field school class, though at Fort Ancient with Bob Riordan. It was like an archaeology field school, so that was *really* fun.

KD: Was that what your undergrad degree was in?

LL: Mm-hmm. [nods]

KD: Oh neat.

LL: Yeah.

KD: And what's your favorite professor? *Who* is your favorite professor? [both laugh]

LL: I like a lot of them. So, pretty much everyone I've had except for maybe a couple.

KD: All right. And what's your least favorite thing about Wright State?

LL: Hmm... I don't know. It's kind of boring... There's nothing... I don't know, it's hard to describe. There's parts that were kind of boring. Other times, it was just kind of like, oh okay, it's cool.

KD: Okay, and now I have some fun questions for you.

LL: All right.

KD: What did you do this morning?

LL: I woke up at 6 o'clock in the morning, got dressed for work, and...yeah...just...
[laughs]

KD: What did you eat for breakfast?

LL: I ate, like, those Velveeta [labeled?] biscuit things. [gesturing with hands]

KD: What flavor?

LL: Cinnamon. The best. [both laughing]

KD: That is the best.

[both laugh]

KD: All right, well, thank you very much.

LL: You're welcome.